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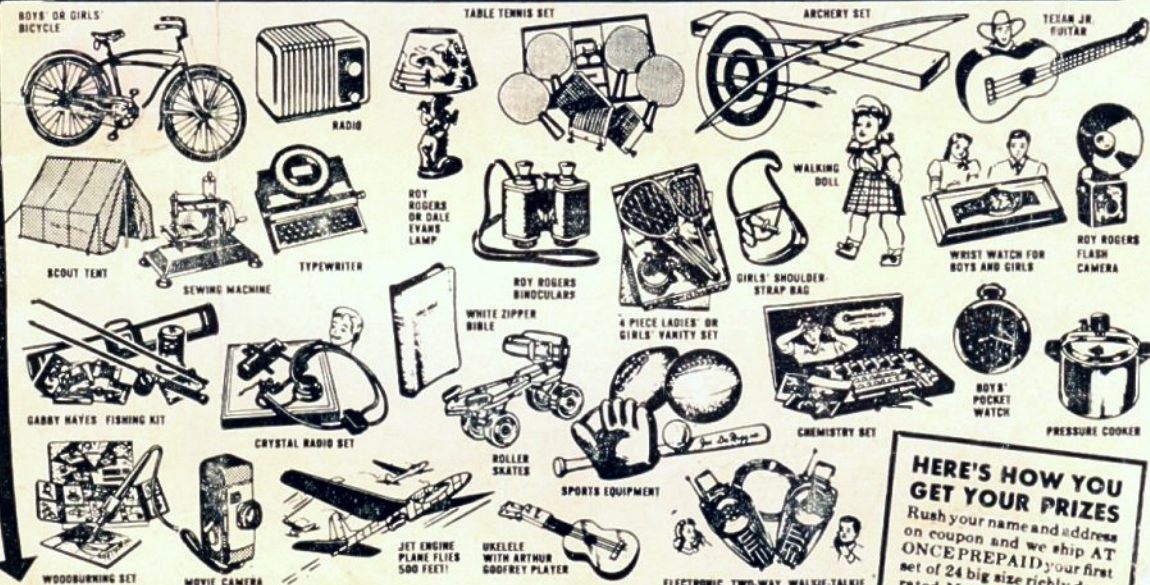
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THE CRIME CLINIC

Starring DR. TOM ROGERS in **THE BOOMERANG KID!**



AS A PRISON PSYCHIATRIST, I AM VERY MUCH AWARE THAT A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE INMATES ARE DOMINATED BY ONE OVERPOWERING URGE... TO GET OUT! YOU CAN IMAGINE MY AMAZEMENT, THEREFORE, WHEN I FOUND MYSELF CONFRONTED WITH THE BAFFLING ENIGMA OF WHITEY SNARKER, EX-CON, WHOSE STARTLING COMPULSION TO BREAK INTO PRISON EARNED HIM THE NICKNAME OF... "THE BOOMERANG KID!"

I'M BREAKIN' INTO PRISON, YA HEAR? YA CAN'T KEEP ME OUT — YA CAN'T!

"THE STARTLING CASE OF THE BOOMERANG KID BEGAN AMID THE CLATTER OF SCREAMING ALARM SIRENS AT BLAKELY STATE PRISON."

WHAT'S GOIN' ON, WARDEN?

IT'S CRAZY, BUT SOME LUNATIC IS ACTUALLY TRYING TO BREAK INTO PRISON!



"MINUTES LATER IN THE PRISON COURTYARD..."

WHITEY SNARKER! WHAT MADE YOU DO IT, WHITEY? YOU WERE RELEASED ONLY A WEEK AGO!

I'M SPILLIN' NUTHIN'!

TAKE HIM TO MY OFFICE!



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"AND SO WHITEY SNARKER BECAME A NUMBER AGAIN..."



"WHENEVER I MADE AN ATTEMPT TO SPEAK TO SNARKER, AND FERRET OUT HIS SECRET, I GOT THE SAME TREATMENT."



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"THE MOMENT WHITEY FELT HE WASN'T BEING WATCHED, HE WENT STRAIGHT TO SPECS' OTOOLE, THE CONVICT IN CHARGE OF THE PRISON SUPPLY STORE."



SPECS, WHENEVER A CON HAS SOME EXTRA MOOLA HE COMES TO YOU I'BUY SOME O' TH' LITTLE EXTRAS THAT HELP MAKE LIFE IN THIS PEN BEARABLE.

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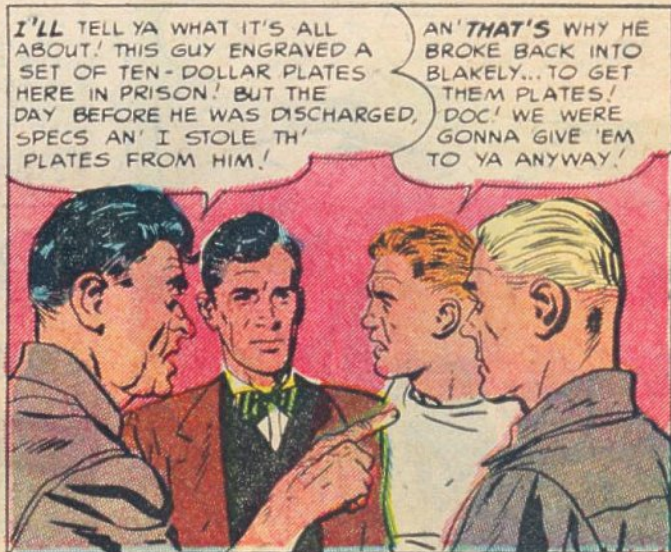
"BUT AS SHAYNE TURNED AWAY, WHITEY'S NIMBLE FINGERS WENT TO WORK."



"IF I HADN'T COME ALONG AT THAT MOMENT, SNARKER WOULD HAVE BEEN MANGLED TO DEATH!"



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"WHEN WHITEY SNARKER DEPARTED FROM THE STATE PRISON, I KNEW, WITH A STRONG SENSE OF SATISFACTION, THAT BLAKELY WAS SEEING THE LAST OF... THE BOOMERANG KID!"




CRIME TRACKS

How criminals are trapped

CLUES IN BREAKING GLASS

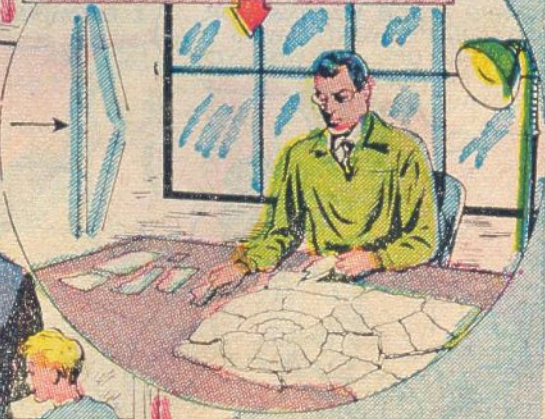


A bullet hole's appearance depends on the size and velocity of the bullet, and the kind and thickness of glass.



The caliber and type of an unknown bullet, and distance fired, may be determined by firing various types of cartridges against the same kind of glass.

Was the store window broken from the outside or from the inside. The crime laboratory can work out the answer. By collecting all the pieces of broken glass, and...



Figuring out the breaking force's direction, as shown by the type of glass fracture, the lab expert can tell whether the impact was from one side, or the other.

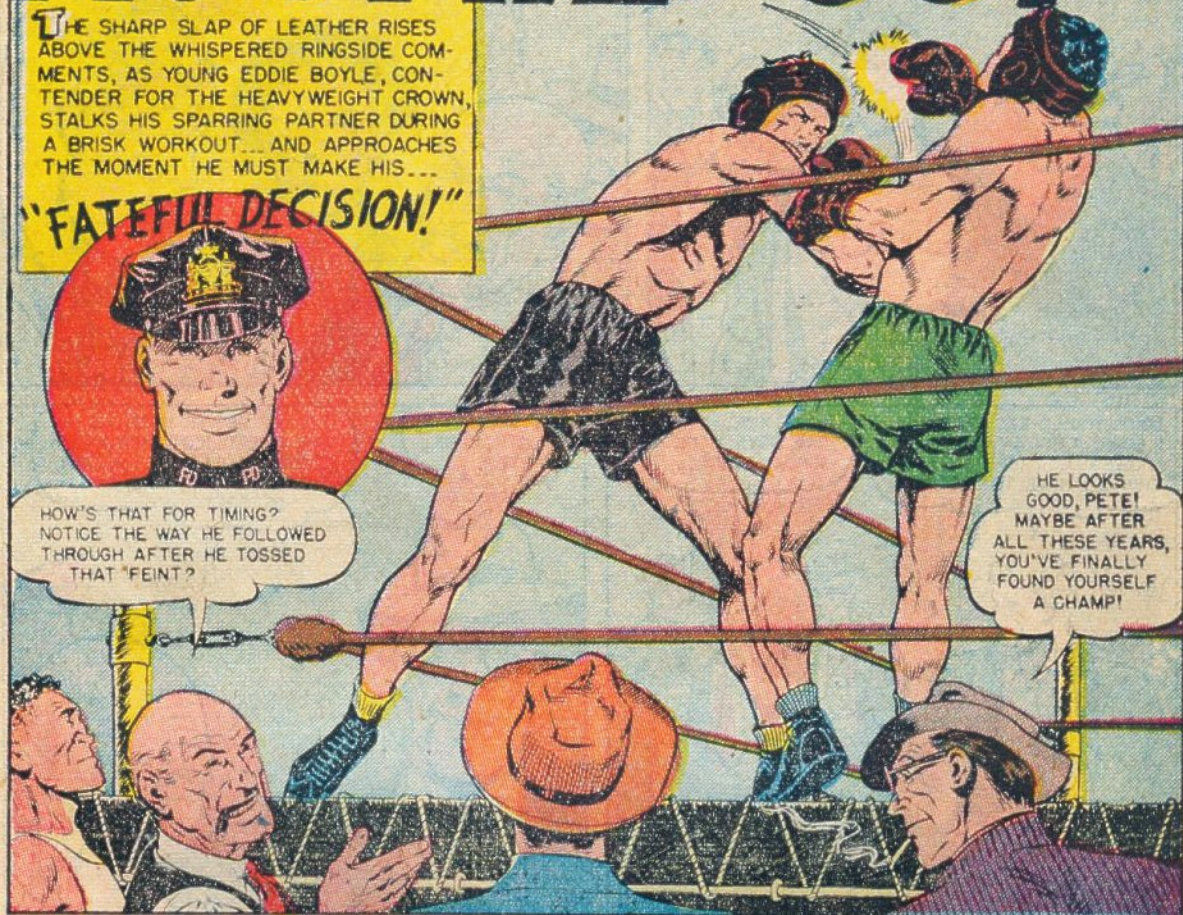


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THE SHARP SLAP OF LEATHER RISES ABOVE THE WHISPERED RINGSIDE COMMENTS, AS YOUNG EDDIE BOYLE, CONTENDER FOR THE HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN, STALKS HIS SPARRING PARTNER DURING A BRISK WORKOUT... AND APPROACHES THE MOMENT HE MUST MAKE HIS...

"FATEFUL DECISION!"



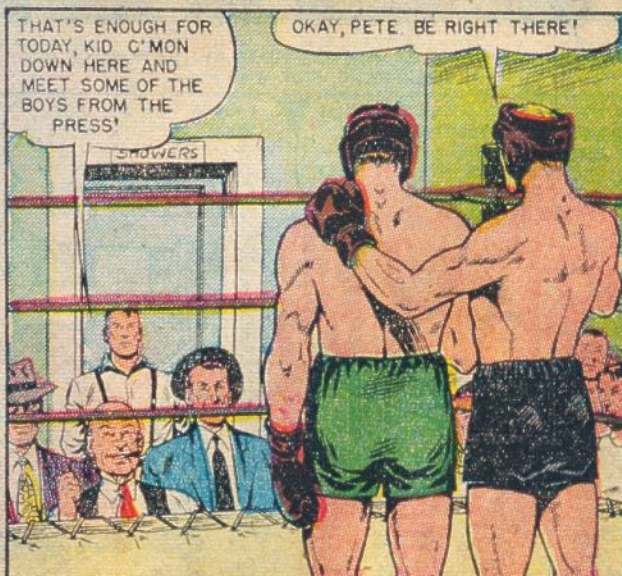
SORRY, BUZZ. I DIDN'T MEAN TO LET GO SO HARD.

THAT'S OKAY, EDDIE... THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR. *WHEW!* I CAN STILL FEEL THINGS GOING ROUND AND ROUND!



THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY, KID. COME DOWN HERE AND MEET SOME OF THE BOYS FROM THE PRESS!

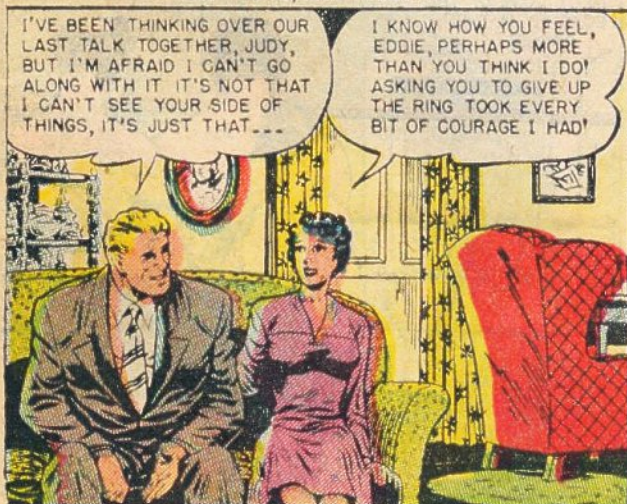
OKAY, PETE. BE RIGHT THERE!



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AND LATER THAT NIGHT EDDIE VISITS AT THE HOME OF HIS GIRL FRIEND, JUDY WILSON...



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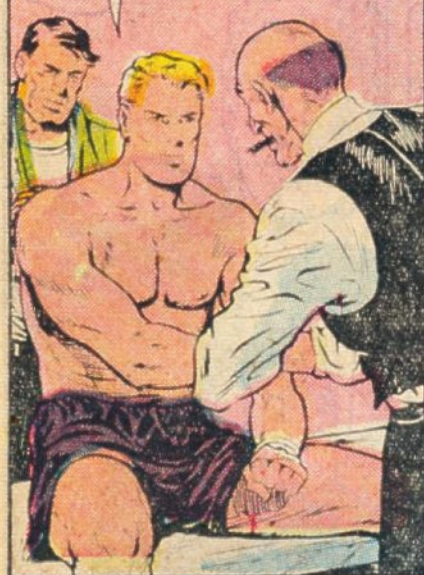


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A WEEK QUICKLY PASSES, AND THEN A FEW MINUTES BEFORE FIGHT TIME...

THIS CHARLIE GRAHAM'S A PRETTY TOUGH SCRAPPER, BUT DON'T LET IT THROW YA, KID. KEEP STICKIN' THE LEFT IN HIS FACE TILL YOU SEE AN OPENING--THEN WHAM!

RIGHT, PETE. I'LL WATCH IT CLOSE

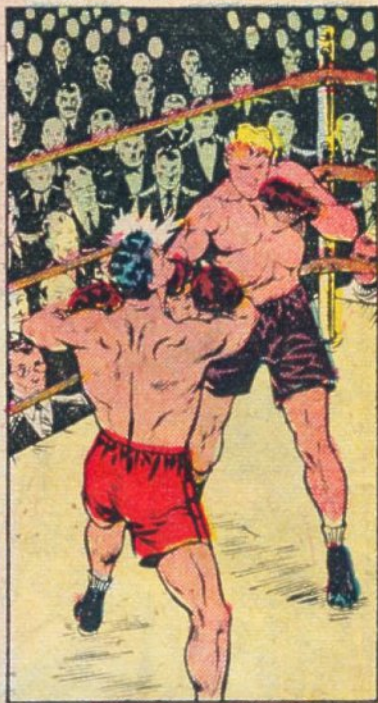


OKAY, BOYLE. YOU'RE ON!

NOW LISTEN, KID. CHOOSE YOUR OWN TIME AND TAKE HIM WHEN YOU'RE READY. REMEMBER, YOU ARE A HOP AND A SKIP AWAY FROM THE CROWN... SO PLAY IT SAFE! LET'S GO NOW!



KEEPING HIS OPPONENT AT ARM'S LENGTH BY A SERIES OF SHORT LEFT JABS, EDDIE FORCES THE FIGHT TO MOVE AT HIS PACE. THEN, IN THE FOURTH ROUND A QUICK FEINT BRINGS GRAHAM'S GUARD DOWN AND...



YOU GOT 'IM, BOYLE!



THEN, AS THE BATTERED GRAHAM FALLS HELPLESSLY ACROSS THE ROPES...

THAT'S ENOUGH, BOYLE! THE FIGHT'S OVER!



SECONDS LATER...

NICE GOIN', EDDIE. WE'RE ON OUR WAY... NOTHIN' C'N STOP US NOW!

LOOK, PETE! NOT A MARK ON 'IM!



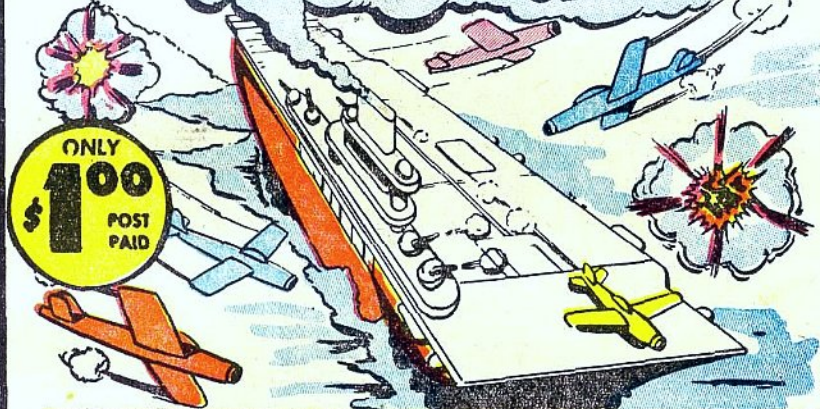
WAIT A MINUTE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH GRAHAM!

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TO SEND FOR THIS

NEW PLASTIC

AIRCRAFT CARRIER

WITH **5** CATAPULTING
JETS

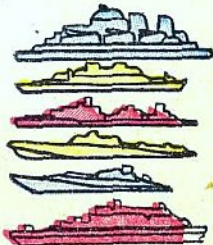


Send only \$1.00 NOW for this wonderful toy! It catapults, it floats, it runs on dry land. Equipped with 5 catapulting jets that zoom off the runway with the flick of the finger. The carrier is fully $2\frac{2}{3}$'s of a foot long!

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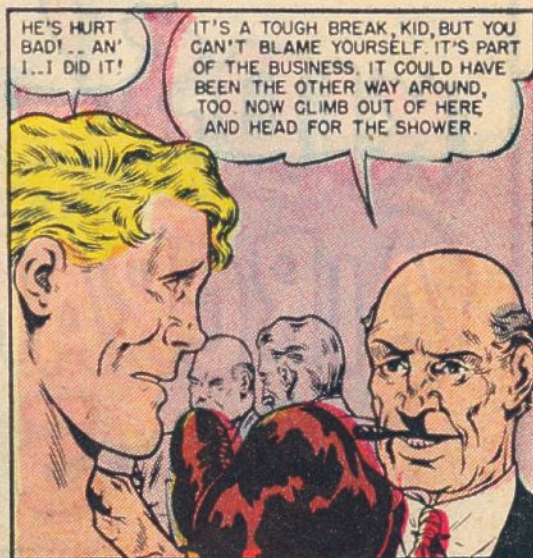
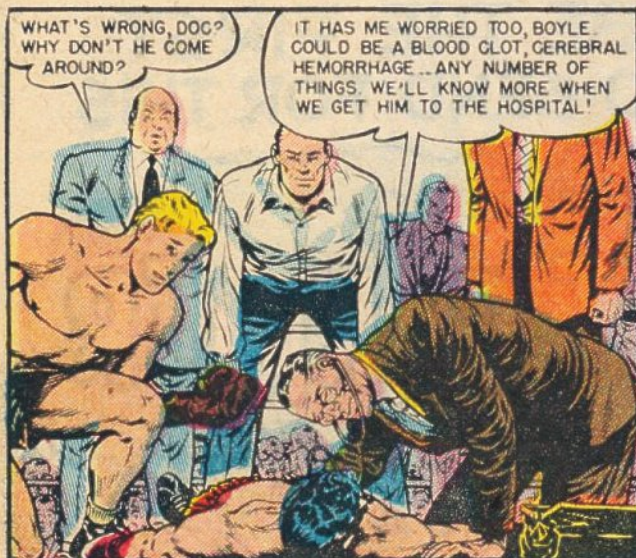
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THE LONG VIGIL CONTINUES THROUGH THE NIGHT AS EDDIE, JUDY AND EDDIE'S FATHER, ANXIOUSLY AWAIT WORD IN THE HOSPITAL'S WAITING ROOM...



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THE RING'S LOSS BECOMES THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GAIN TRUE TO HIS WORD, EDDIE WORKED AT HIS NEW CAREER WITH ALL THE SERIOUSNESS HE HAD FORMERLY GIVEN TO FIGHTING THEN SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, ON GRADUATION DAY...



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IN THE SPACE OF ONE SHORT WEEK, EDDIE DISCOVERS THAT EVERY WORD HIS FATHER SPOKE WAS TRUE. STREET FIGHTS, KNIFE BRAWLS AND MUGGING PARTIES OCCUR WITH ALARMING FREQUENCY. THEN, ONE NIGHT...



HMMM... THAT CAR. IT'S AS OUT-OF-PLACE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AS A CAT IN A DOG SHOW. IT'S PARK AVENUE SLUMMING, AND COULD SPELL TROUBLE!

WHICH WAY TO THE DOMINO CLUB, OFFICER? I'M SURE IT'S SOMEWHERE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

NOT ANY LONGER, MISS. IT WAS CLOSED DOWN A FEW NIGHTS AGO ON A GAMBLING CHARGE.



DID YOU HEAR THAT, TED? THEY'VE ACTUALLY CLOSED THE CLUB.

THE BOYS IN BLUE. PROBABLY GOT MAD BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T IN ON THE TAKE, BRENDA.



I'LL FORGET THAT CRACK! NOW TAKE MY ADVICE AND HEAD BACK FOR YOUR PART OF TOWN. HANGING AROUND THIS SECTION IS A SURE WAY OF INVITING TROUBLE.

LOOK WHO'S GIVING US ADVICE.



YOU SHOW ME THE LAW THAT SAYS I CAN'T GO WHERE I WANT TO, WHEN I WANT TO. RIGHT NOW I'M GOING INTO THAT BAR DOWN THE STREET AND GET A DRINK. ANY OBJECTIONS?

PLENTY, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD PENETRATE YOUR STUBBORN HEAD.



A SHORT TIME LATER, INSIDE THE BAR...

M-MAYBE THAT COP KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. THIS PLACE ISN'T EXACTLY C-COZY.

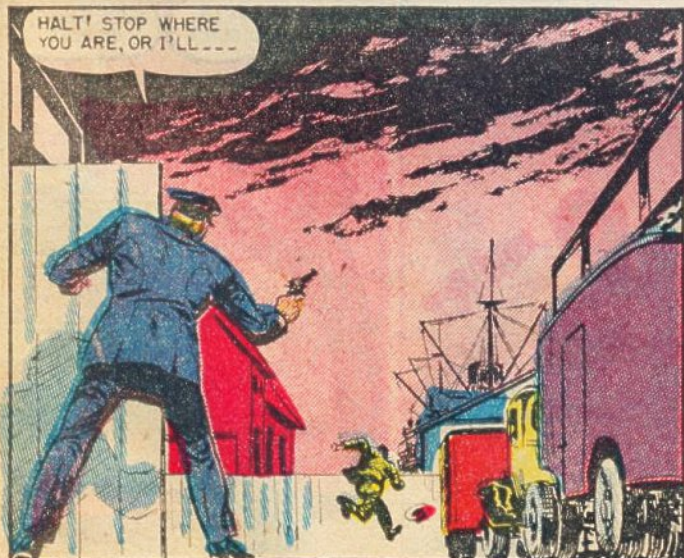
DON'T LET ON, TEDDY, BUT YOUR TEETH ARE CHATTERING. GIVE ME ANOTHER MINUTE, AND WE'LL GO!



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WHEN REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE, EDDIE HAS RETURNED TO THE BADLY SHAKEN GIRL ---



THE FOLLOWING DAY, OUTSIDE POLICE HEADQUARTERS --



The End

HOW in 10 Minutes of Fun a Day

Now, Buddy YOU

GET ALL THESE PICTURE-PACKED COURSES

FREE

If you mail coupon NOW as I did!

YOU Can Become AN AMAZING NEW 3-D HE-MAN

JIM NORMAN before
NOW
I gained 1000% in HE-MAN LOOKS POPULARITY and STRENGTH

Like We Did

LOOK at ME and MY PALS! What a Pitiful lot of SKINNY WRECKS like YOU We were BEFORE We mailed coupon! Yes, PAL—NOW

YOU MAIL THE COUPON BELOW

and Get a NEW HE-MAN BODY for Your OLD SKELETON FRAME!

YOU CAN WIN \$100.00 AND A BIG 15" TALL SILVER CUP

LIKE WE DID!



NO! Friend you don't have to be SKINNY, WEAK or FLABBY any more—just mail the FREE coupon below as I did! But DO IT NOW—This may be YOUR LAST CHANCE!

May be LAST CHANCE before \$1 price goes back!

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MAIL COUPON IN TIME FOR **FREE** OFFER AND PRIZES!

"BOOKED FOR MURDER!"

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INSPECTOR RIORDAN walked into the study of the Mason house, his thick fingers scraping reflectively across his stubbled chin. This story was certain to make the headlines in all of the City papers . . . probably with front page photographs in the tabloids. The sort of thing the Commissioner would like to have solved right away, or else the wolves down in the Hall would begin baying about reform in the Police Department! Funny the way homicide stirred up the political bigwigs!

Riordan sat down in the big leather chair alongside Mark Mason's desk. Nothing in the long rectangular room had been disturbed since the Police arrived . . . except that the late Mr. Mason's remains had been removed by the Coroner. The chairs, the windows . . . everything was just as it had been when Riordan and his men arrived at 6:45 this morning, in answer to a frantic telephone call from Mason's butler. A tall, funny-looking gink named Fredericks. Would probably bear watching, Riordan thought to himself.

Absent-mindedly Riordan reached across the desk and picked up a red leather bound volume. He turned it over diffidently in his fingers, and snapped the cover open. The lead sheet was hand-lettered: PHOTO ALBUM & PAPERS . . . MARK MASON. Riordan leafed casually through the book, past photos of young Mason as a boy scout; on the baronial estate of his oil-king father; at the seashore with some of his young cronies. Ordinary stuff, thought Riordan . . . probably not a clue in a ton of this tripe!

He had completed the Mason high-school career, and was about to snap the album shut, when he noticed a packet of clippings tucked between two of the pages. With his index finger he sliced open the packet, and pulled out a pile of news-

paper clippings, some of which were already yellowed and brittle at the edges. Riordan glanced over the long slivers of newsprint, his eyes gulping in the headlines and subheads at the top of each sheet. Seemed that Mason had been something of polo player in his college days . . . there was a fuzzy photo of him mounted on a sleek polo pony, his mallet curving gracefully over his head. Must have been quite a lad in his younger days, Riordan mused . . . what with Polo, the captaincy of the swimming team, a doubles player on the college tennis team. And this picture of Mason on the mound for dear old what's-it's-name college, his right arm about to propel a baseball toward the plate! The accompanying clip said something about "BLAKE COLLEGE'S ACE RIGHTHANDER CHALKS UP FOURTH WIN OF SEASON!"

Nice reading, Riordan grunted to himself, as he slapped the book closed. But the public library was the place for reading . . . not the private study of a socially prominent young millionaire who had just been murdered by a bullet placed neatly between his handsome grey eyes!

The bulky inspector walked up and down over the thick carpeting, trying to shape the situation into a familiar pattern. Trying to memorize and organize the cast of characters. Motive was first . . . robbery? Revenge? Love? Might be any of the three . . . might be a combination of all of them! Fredericks, the butler . . . the leading suspect according to the movie people. Nora, the housemaid, Brenner, the chauffeur; Fritz, the chef. Quite a crew, thought Riordan . . . it sounded like one of those thrillers that were so popular nowadays.

Riordan took a slip of paper from his inside coat-pocket. He glanced over the pencilled scribbings on both sides of the paper. Notes taken

by the Police Detective who had interviewed Mason's employees when they first arrived on the scene of the crime. All of them . . . Nora, Brenner, Fritz . . . all but Fredericks, anyway, had been employed by Mason for several years. The Butler was a recent arrival . . . had been working here on the Mason place for only a couple of months. An Englishman . . . the others didn't know too much about him, or else they weren't talking!

Riordan circled the room several times, for a last look before he assembled the employees for private interviews right here at the scene of the crime. Nothing seemed disturbed . . . the furniture, drapes, carpeting were all in order. No sign of a struggle . . . nothing missing from the room.

Riordan drew a crumpled package of cigarettes from his coat pocket, and stuck a cigarette into the corner of his mouth. He felt in his various pockets for matches . . . must have run out of them on the drive out here! He walked over to Mason's desk, where he saw a big metal ash-tray. There were several packages of matches propped up against the ash-tray. He reached for one of the match-books, flipped open the cover . . . and stared in some surprise at what he saw. He looked more closely at the ash-tray . . . noted that it was quite filled with cigarette stubs, all of which had obviously been mashed out when the smoker had finished with them. Riordan picked up the remaining books of matches and glanced inside of each of them. He struck a match and held it to his cigarette, inhaling deeply . . . his eyes glazed with thought.

They trooped in one by one . . . Nora first, followed by Brenner and Fritz and Fredericks. They agreed that Mason had no visitors the evening of his murder . . . they had heard no sound of a scuffle and knew of no one who harbored hatred against their employer. By their own admissions the list of suspects was narrowed down to the four of them. And Nora, Brenner and Fritz all agreed that Fredericks was a strange guy . . . kept to himself most of the time. Fritz even confided to the Inspector that he had walked into an argument

between Fredericks and Mr. Mason only a few days before!

After they had gone Riordan looked musingly at the ash tray on the desk, scraped his hand thoughtfully across his chin . . . and strode quickly toward the door. He opened it, leaned out and shouted for the cop on duty in the hallway to bring the four employees back into the study. When they were assembled he had them group themselves around the desk. They craned forward to hear him as he went over the case for them, his fingers toying with the metal ash-tray and the books of matches. Suddenly he picked up a glass paper-weight and tossed it to Fritz without warning. The bulky chef started to rise from his chair in bewilderment, and caught the flying glass in his beefy left hand. Before he had a chance to return it, Riordan was on his feet and around the desk. The bewildered Fritz attempted to back up, but Riordan and the Policeman on duty surrounded him, and slipped the handcuffs over his wrists. Fritz started to protest, but Riordan silenced him and turned toward the others.

"Looks like the case is closed, folks!" he said, reaching across the desk and picking up one of the match books. "To begin with, Fritz tried to put the finger on Fredericks . . . tried too hard, in fact!" Riordan opened the match-book and held it up so that they could see it.

"And then, being a left-hander, he left this vital clue last night, when he must have come into the study to speak to Mr. Mason! If you look closely you'll see that all the matches in the book have been torn off from the left side . . . a sure sign that a left-handed person has used the match book. And since Mr. Mason was right-handed, according to his own scrap-book . . . well, that little stunt of tossing something to Fritz to see which hand he would use to catch it, clinched it!"

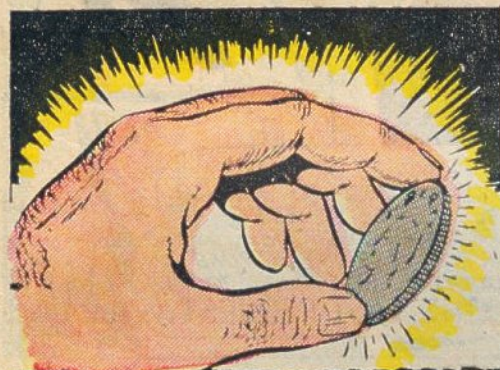
Riordan wrapped the match-book in his handkerchief, and turned to the cop, who stood beside Fritz. "That wraps up the case! Our friend Fritz is booked for murder . . . *match-booked*!

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CLOUT

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GASP!

NOT ME, GRIMM...

BANG

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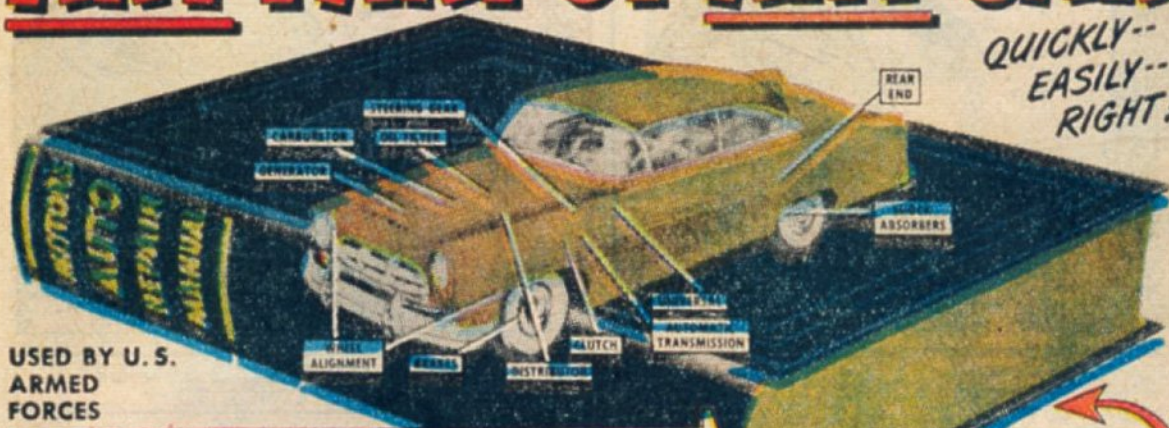


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